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## SODA SHOWDOWN ABOUT TO POP

University of Alberta student Troy Minogue calls a recent plebiscite, on having a sole cold-beverage provider on campus, biased in Coke's favour. Story, page 6. TOPHER SEGUIN/METRO

## Tory terrorism Facebook post was 'not cool'

**Politics.** Conservative MP, MLA say party went too far using West Edmonton Mall threat as fundraising ploy



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One of the federal Conservative Party's own MPs says the party's use of the terror threat against West Edmonton Mall in a Facebook post steps over the line.

On Monday, the party posted an image from an al-Shabaab video that suggested an attack on the mall. Underneath the image was an encouragement to sign a petition.

"Jihadi terrorists are threatening Canada — we need to give our police and security forces the tools they need to protect us from the threat of terrorism," reads the post.

Edmonton Centre Conservative MP Laurie Hawn doesn't think the post was appropriate.

"I would not have posted that if I were in charge," he said Wednesday, adding terrorist threats have to be dealt with in a nuanced way.

"We have to be careful not to under-react," he said. "We have to treat the threat seriously and we have to be care-

ful not to overreact."

Thomas Lukaszuk, the Progressive Conservative MLA for Edmonton-Castle Downs, was more direct in his critique, saying he didn't appreciate the federal party using a threat against the city as a fundraising ploy.

"To actually put fear in people's mind and drive tourism down is just not cool and I won't stand for it," Lukaszuk said.

In an email, Conservative Party spokesman Cory Hann said the party didn't intend to encourage people to avoid the mall, but said the issue is real and has to be addressed.

"Canadians are being targeted by jihadi terrorists simply because these terrorists hate our society and the values it represents. This is a reality. Jihadi terrorism is not a human right; it is an act of war," he wrote. "That is why our Government has put forward measures that protect Canadians against jihadi terrorists who seek to destroy the very principles that make Canada the best country in the world to live."

Robert Murray, vice-president of research with the Frontier Centre, said the Conservatives are simply trying to play to their strengths in an election year.

"Part of their message has to be and will be that they have been very effective at protecting Canadians," he said.



A close-up portrait of David Beckham with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a blue crewneck sweatshirt. He is looking directly at the camera with his hands clasped in front of him. A tattoo is visible on his left hand.

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## Unions are not impressed with Prentice's changes

Premier Jim Prentice's proposal to overhaul how the province deals with its unions is not sitting well with the other side of the bargaining table.

Prentice announced Monday he would be looking at a new model for dealing with contracts and said British Columbia's approach is one he's reviewing.

AUPE president Guy Smith said that model doesn't treat workers fairly.

"If they're looking at the B.C. model, it's a way to suppress wages and for basically the government to impose funding for collective agreements across the board," he said.

Alberta Teachers' Association's Mark Ramsankar agrees and said ultimately that approach hurts students.

"It would be a very big mistake to move toward the B.C. model, where you have had a history of labour disputes, especially in the area of education," he said.

Teachers' contracts will be up next year.

Ramsankar said the entire Alberta economy is overheated and public servants aren't the only ones who make more than people in other provinces.

"To suggest that this is the only place where it's not manageable is misplaced and is not the area where it's the best place to start," he said.

Smith said his union is currently negotiating for support workers with AHS and said while an early offer from AHS offered small raises, that disappeared.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Edmonton EMS Linda Postma has her blood taken Wednesday for a cancer study that the city's 700 EMS workers have been asked to partake in. Researchers are working to collect samples from 50,000 people between the ages of 35 to 69 for the province's Tomorrow Project. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

# Edmonton EMS roll up sleeves for study

## Cancer research.

Alberta's Tomorrow Project will span 50 years



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Edmonton EMS rolled up their own sleeves Wednesday as they joined nearly 50,000 other Albertans to take part in a research study that will span half a century.

They had received a call

to action: 700 EMS workers across the city are to participate in Alberta's Tomorrow Project — a 50-year research study aiming to figure out what causes cancer.

Launched in 2001, researchers for the project are working to collect samples from 50,000 people between the ages of 35 to 69.

Samples of blood, urine and medical history will then be used to compare different groups of people — those who developed cancer and those who didn't — to better understand what causes cancer in

hopes of finding a cure.

"One in two Albertan men (and) one in three Albertan women will develop cancer in their lifetimes. One in four of us will die from the disease," said the project's scientific director Paula Robson Wednesday.

Collecting the data now could help to cut the future numbers, Robson added.

To the approximate tune of \$3 million per year, researchers have been collecting samples since 2009 through 144 mobile clinics.

Robson said researchers

will be comparing the samples over a 50-year period, and some are already being used to identify more accurate screening methods.

Dale Weiss, EMS executive director for the Edmonton zone, said members see the effects of cancer every day on the job and this gives them a chance to participate in prevention.

"When someone calls EMS, we respond," said Weiss.

"This is an opportunity for us to do it a little bit differently, but we're responding as well."

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# Go Auto expansion puzzles Edmonton bike shop owners

**Business.** Car dealer buying local bike shops and further deals 'in the works,' says Klondike Cycle general manager



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City bike shop owners are questioning why a car dealer would want to own some of the city's bike shops, saying it's nothing short of "a mystery."

Go Auto currently owns Klondike Cycle but, according to employees, there's a focus on expanding their cycle reach due to similarities.

"It's been a good tie-in," said Curtis Green, general manager of the cycling store. "There's talks in the works all the time. At this point I can't confirm what's out there, but it's

## Quoted

**"It's hard to imagine why the auto industry would want to get into the bike industry."**

Dennis Aronyk, owner of the Revolution Cycle bicycle shop.

something they're definitely looking into."

Local bike shop owners say despite the ongoing debate when it comes to cycling infrastructure in the city, there's some similarities between the two business types that can be made.

Dennis Aronyk, owner of Revolution Cycle, said Go Auto's decision to snag local bike shops hasn't affected his business yet but that it does set off some warning bells.

"It's hard to imagine why the auto industry would want to get into the bike industry because we're notoriously low margins. It's a bit of a mystery

to all of us in the bike business."

Community members spoke of a potential future deal between Velocity and Go Auto, but Velocity owners were not available before press time.

Green stated that Go Auto first entered into the bike shop ownership business by purchasing Klondike for more sentimental reasons since the owner held his first job there. Beyond that, Green added that the car company is always looking at ways to pair the two businesses.

"It's a natural spin-off. It's another means of transportation," he said.

Cliff Vallentgoed, owner of Redbike, was intrigued that the car company would be looking to expand in a sector that differs from the bike industry.

"Maybe they see the writing on the wall and see cycling as transportation as a very viable and growing one. I hope that's why they're doing it," said Vallentgoed.



Go Auto officials say there's a lot of synergies when it comes to cycling and vehicles, which is why they are eyeing possible bike shop ownership in Edmonton. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO



Business community members hope the old Sobeys location is snagged quickly to help increase foot traffic in the area. METRO FILE

## Old Sobeys store producing 'negative activity'

Putting an end to the vacant space that is the old downtown Sobeys location is high on the priority list for the 104 Street Committee who are helping to put rumours about the spot to rest.

Since the 104 Street and Jasper Avenue store shut-down in July, committee president Ed Fong said the vacancy on the busy street corner has caused some "negative activity" on the

street, with "people hanging out and up to no good."

That's something the committee wants to change by getting a business into the 19,000 square foot space, which Sobeys still has a lease on until May 2018.

"The more people on the street, the better," said Fong.

Italian Centre Shop officials had eyed the space but

## By the numbers

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It's been over seven months since the former Sobeys location on Jasper Avenue closed its doors.

have opted to not open up a store in the spot, according to Edmonton business officials.

The sublease wouldn't

stop any future grocery businesses from setting up shop, but 104 Street Committee members are asking that it be a business other than a bar.

"That would be the worse thing that could happen. It doesn't really enhance what we're trying to do on 104 Street," said Fong. "Ideally, we would love to see another grocer there."

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Troy Minogue, left, and Chris Fedor are worried that Coke's monopoly on the U of A campus might impact other soda-company sponsorship for student groups. TOPHER SEGUIN/METRO

## Pop vote bubbles over at the U of A

**Plebiscite.** Ballots to decide if the SU will sign a single-source cold beverage deal; some decry bias



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Like cola taste tests of the '80s and '90s, two sides in a proposed U of A soda plebiscite are clearly drawn, but some learners think their leadership has already picked their favourite.

As students cast their ballot for next year's student

council, they'll also be choosing if they want their student union to sign a single-source cold-beverage agreement, as the school's current deal with Coca-Cola is set to expire this year.

Third-year business student Troy Minogue called the plebiscite question biased and tilted in the cola companies' favour.

"When the actual vote came out today, I was pretty shocked to see how one-sided it was presented," said Minogue. "Just thinking about other referendums and plebiscites in the past, I don't think they've ever shown a one-sided case because it doesn't really gather true opinion."

The plebiscite notes some of the perks of keeping with a sole-source beverage provider.

According to Cory Hodgson, SU vice-president of operation and finance, it's completely fair to inform students what they stand to benefit from the contract.

"It brings a lot of investment for students on campus, when really the alternative is a free market of beverage products on campus, which means we have Coke and Pepsi and maybe Red Bull as opposed to one," he said. "I don't see any benefit from having to choose from two or three beverage products when we could just have one and have all of these bonuses," he said.

### Fort McMurray

## Boy exposed to bedbug pesticide improving

A child in hospital after being exposed to a pesticide his parents used to kill bedbugs has been taken off a ventilator and moved to a recovery room.

Family spokesman Taj Mohammed, the principal of Fort McMurray Islamic School, said the boy, Zain Hasan, is expected to be discharged from an Edmonton hospital later this month.

Funerals for Zain's two-year-old brother Zia and eight-month-old sister Zara were held in Edmonton last week. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Crime. Sex offender wanted on Canada-wide warrant

Edmonton residents are being asked to keep an eye out for a high-risk sexual offender after the man didn't show up at his halfway house.

Ashton Natomagan is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for parole violation. The charges were issued Tuesday after Natomagan failed to comply with his parole conditions because he didn't return to his halfway house.

Natomagan was released from the Grande Cache Institution on March 2 after a 61-month sentence for sexual assault causing bodily harm.

The police are asking the public to call EPS immediately if they locate Natomagan, who



Ashton Natomagan CONTRIBUTED

is considered dangerous and should not be approached.

Anyone who has information on this individual is asked to contact the EPS at 780-423-4567 or #377 from a mobile phone. **METRO**





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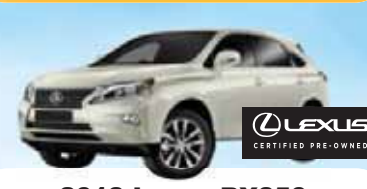
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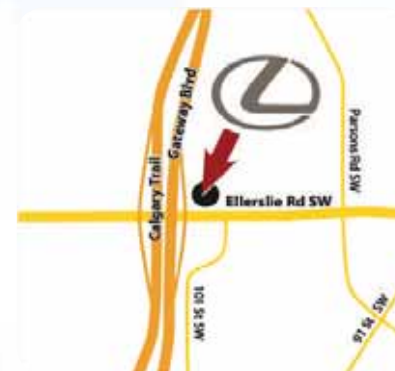
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## Milk River. SPCA lays 13 charges for dog neglect

The Alberta SPCA has laid 13 charges against a Milk River-area dog owner in connection with the largest case of neglect involving dogs in the organization's history.

April Irving is accused of either causing or allowing the dogs to be in distress and failing to provide them with adequate care, the organization said in a release Wednesday.

Three of the charges relate to a dog the SPCA authorized a veterinarian to euthanize,

### The accused

April Irving has maintained that the dogs were her "family" and that she cared for them as best she could.

while five other charges relate to 60 dogs willingly surrendered by Irving Dec. 23. The final five charges relate to 141 dogs that the SPCA seized control of Jan. 13. **METRO**

### Lethbridge

## More fentanyl pills seized in Alberta

A recent Lethbridge seizure of more than 300 fentanyl pills, the second in that city in as many weeks, has brought the total haul of the drug to more than 14,000 pills since April.

Prior to that, the deadly painkiller wasn't really seen in Alberta, but has since seen its use spike

with the removal of Oxy-Contin from the market.

"ALERT is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the province to not only get fentanyl off the street, but create further awareness about just how deadly the drug is," said Sgt. Rod Klassen in a release.

The latest case saw 301 pills as well as other drugs, firearms, ammunition and cash seized from a home on Feb. 26. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

# EPS seek help to solve violent sexual assault

## Crime. Woman recovering after assault in alley



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City police are calling a recent sexual assault — in which a 21-year-old Edmonton woman was grabbed from behind, dragged into an alley and assaulted — "deeply concerning."

The assault, which took place Tuesday night around 8 p.m., has prompted EPS to call for anyone who might have been near 128 Avenue and 101 Street to come forward with information on the attack.

Staff Sgt. Shawna Grimes of EPS Sexual Assault section called the assault especially distressing because of the violence and randomness of the attack.

"Right now we want the public to be aware of what

### Contact

Edmonton police expect more details on the incident to be released Thursday. Anyone who has information about this event, or this suspect, is asked to contact the EPS at 780-423-4567 or #377 from a mobile phone.

we're investigating," said Grimes.

According to police, an aboriginal male approximately 25 years old allegedly approached the young woman from behind, grabbed her and dragged her into an alley where he sexually assaulted her.

Police confirmed a weapon was used in the assault.

While the woman was able to get to a nearby residence and call police, officers couldn't locate the suspect.

"I can imagine she's quite traumatized, and of course it's



EPS Sexual Assault Section Staff Sgt. Shawna Grimes called on anyone who might have seen something suspicious Tuesday night near 128 Avenue and 101 Street to come forward. LEAH HOLOIDEY/METRO

quite early stages," Grimes said about the victim.

"Generally there is a great deal of shock when something like this happens to somebody and it takes a while for the full

event to fully sink in and the impact of that."

The suspect is considered average height and build and was wearing dark clothes at the time of the attack.

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# MLA says she's still in 'the penalty box'

**Politics.** Calgary's Donna Kennedy-Glans, who spoke out against Redford, is back in caucus, but little else



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Nearly a full calendar year after taking a public stand against then-premier Alison Redford, a Calgary MLA says she's still paying the price — and that's the very reason she won't be seeking another term.

On March 17, Donna Kennedy-Glans, representative for Calgary-Varsity, became the second MLA in a period of just days to speak out against the ruling Tory party and its "culture of entitlement." She left to sit as an independent — two days later Redford resigned from the top job.

Kennedy-Glans has since re-



**Donna Kennedy-Glans**  
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joined the Conservative caucus under the guidance of Premier Jim Prentice, but her role still leaves much to be desired.

"I'm not chairing any committees and I'm not in cabinet... I actually am well liked but I'm not doing anything in a leadership role outside of my own constituency," she said in a recent interview with Metro.

Kennedy-Glans added that she's discussed her decision with Prentice and made it clear she would do it all over again if she witnessed mismanage-

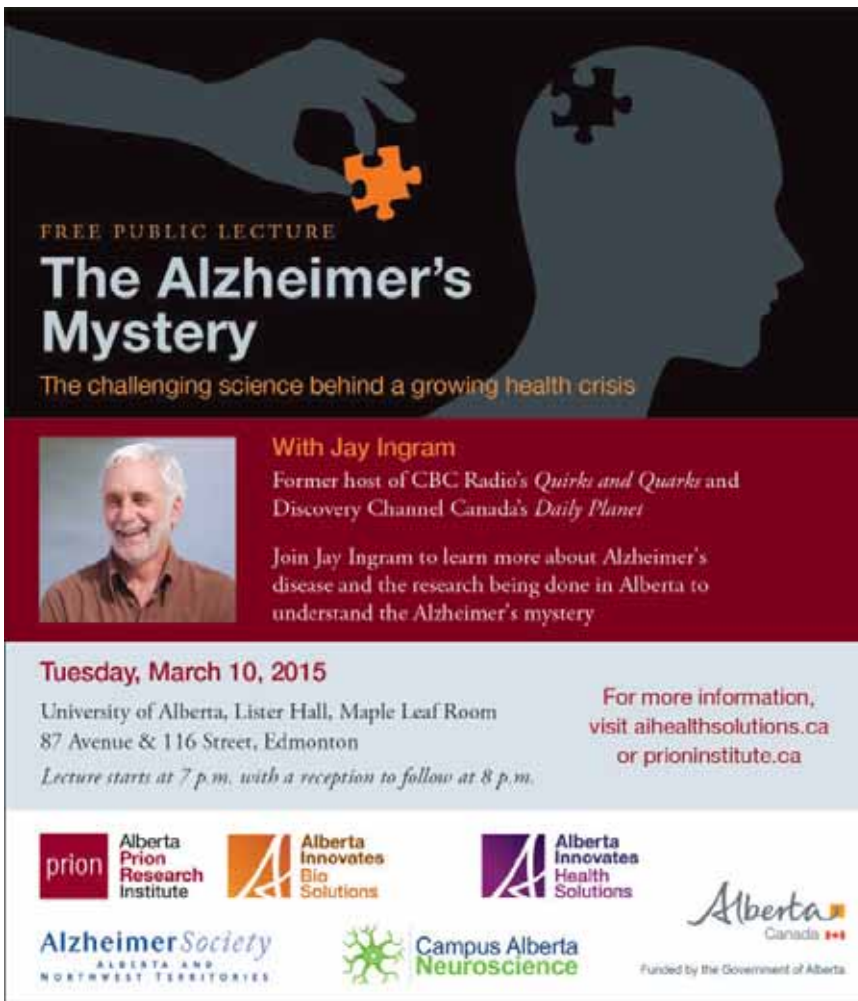
ment within the party.

"I respect him enormously and I will support him whether I'm inside the government or not, but I'm not going to sign up for another four years of sitting in a penalty box," she said.

Kennedy-Glans was first elected to Calgary-Varsity in 2012 after working in several prominent oil and gas sector jobs. On Jan. 26, she made it official that she wouldn't run again, but the party has yet to select a replacement.

Redford has largely faded from the public spotlight since resigning but did issue a statement last month after the RCMP said it had concluded its investigation into the use of government planes under her watch and wouldn't be laying charges.

"I am grateful this is over now," Redford wrote at the time. "I was never concerned about the outcome, as I had the benefit of knowing that my and my office's actions were above board."



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## Ontario town suing U.S. firm

A guardrail with an ET Plus end unit is seen in this photo. Authorities across Canada are awaiting test results from the U.S. before deciding what to do about thousands of the safety devices, which could cause guardrails to rip through cars and motorists instead of protecting them in crashes. The town of Stratford, Ont., has launched a \$500-million class action against the manufacturer. The lawsuit, filed in Ontario Superior Court, alleges Trinity Industries secretly made unauthorized changes to the ET Plus about 10 years ago and failed to warn anyone about "serious failures."

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### Ottawa

## MPs to see Parliament Hill shooter's video

After weeks of speculation, members of Parliament will get a chance Friday to see the video Michael Zehaf Bibeau made last October before he killed a Canadian soldier and stormed Parliament Hill.

RCMP Commissioner

Bob Paulson will use an open meeting of the House of Commons public-safety committee to provide a "detailed update" of the investigation into Zehaf Bibeau's deadly attack on Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, said a source familiar with the matter.

The source, who wasn't authorized to discuss the issue publicly and therefore spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the video would be shown to the committee. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Human rights

## Online Snowden Archive unveiled

Terrorism is "an extraordinarily rare natural disaster" and should not be used as an excuse by government to pass laws that limit our rights and freedoms, former U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) contractor Edward Snowden said Wednesday.

Snowden made the com-

ments through video link at the Toronto unveiling of the Snowden Archive — an online database of hundreds of classified U.S. government documents he leaked to the media in 2013.

The archive is a joint project between Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and the Politics of Surveillance Project at the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto.

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# Critics slam sentencing initiative

**New legislation.** 'A life sentence in Canada will henceforth mean exactly that — a sentence for life,' said PM Harper

The Conservative government's latest tough-on-crime initiative to make life sentence a sentence for life without parole appears to be aimed at scoring political points rather than protecting the public, some critics and legal experts said Wednesday.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper told a Toronto crowd his government will introduce new legislation next week to ensure that what he called the country's "most dangerous violent offenders" will not be allowed back on the streets.

The new bill will "ensure that for the most heinous offenders and the most horrific crimes, a life sentence in Canada will henceforth mean exactly that — a sentence for life," Harper announced in front of a crowd that included families of murder victims.

The legislation would apply to those convicted of first-degree murder involving: the killing of police officers or correctional officers; terrorism; kidnapping or sexual assault; and crimes "of a particularly brutal nature."

It would also apply to those who commit high treason, an offence that involves attempting to harm or kill the Queen, taking arms against Canada or helping an enemy at war with Canada.

While hesitant to judge the proposed changes until the bill is tabled, some critics and legal experts said the announcement raises several red flags.

"Most dangerous killers are already denied parole and held for life," NDP justice critic Françoise Boivin said in a statement.

"Sentencing reform should be focused on improving public safety, not on scoring political points," she said.

Benjamin Berger, a criminal-law expert at York University's Osgoode Hall law school, said the announcement comes across as "political sleight of hand." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Coal mine blast kills at least 24 in Ukraine

**Donetsk.** Rebels say accident caused by gas, not artillery fire

A rebel-held city scarred by months of conflict in eastern Ukraine suffered more tragedy Wednesday when a methane gas explosion in a coal mine killed at least 24 workers and left nine missing.

As rescue efforts stretched past sundown, separatist authorities were accused by Ukraine's government of failing to do enough to save the lives of the miners.

The blast occurred before dawn more than 1,000 metres underground at the Zasyadko mine in the city of Donetsk in the coal-rich Donbass region. Nearly a year of bitter fighting by pro-Moscow rebels and Ukrainian troops in the east has killed more than 6,000 people.



Ukrainian coal miners load the bodies of colleagues killed in Wednesday morning's explosion at Zasyadko mine in Donetsk, Ukraine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebel officials said the accident was caused by the ever-present danger of methane gas, rather than artillery fire.

There were contradictory

accounts of the toll of dead and missing by the rival authorities. The rebel government that controls Donetsk was slow to divulge informa-

tion, while a senior official in the capital of Kyiv was swift to give a death toll of 32, only to retract it several hours later.

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## Boston

### Tsarnaev carried out bombing: Defence attorney

The question is no longer whether Dzhokhar Tsarnaev took part in the Boston Marathon bombing. It's whether he should die for it.

In a startling opening statement at the nation's biggest terrorism trial in nearly 20 years, Tsarnaev's lawyer told a jury that the 21-year-old former college student committed the crime. "It was him," said defence attorney Judy Clarke, one of the nation's foremost death-penalty specialists.

But in a strategy aimed at saving Tsarnaev from a death sentence, she argued that he had fallen under the malevolent influence of his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan.

Three people were killed and more than 260 wounded when two shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs exploded near the finish line on April 15, 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Korea

### U.S. ambassador in stable condition after knife attack

U.S. Ambassador Mark Lippert was in stable condition after being slashed on the face and wrist by a man wielding a 10-inch knife and screaming that the rival Koreas should be unified, South Korean police and U.S. officials said Thursday.

Media images showed a stunned-looking Lippert staring at his blood-covered left hand and holding his right hand over a cut on the right side of his face, his pink tie splattered with blood.

The U.S. State Department condemned the attack, which happened at a performing-arts centre in downtown Seoul as the ambassador was preparing for a lecture about prospects for peace on the divided Korean Peninsula, and said Lippert's injuries weren't life-threatening.

The U.S. Embassy said Lippert was in stable condition after surgery at a Seoul hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# U.S. attempted to deport man shot by L.A. police

**California.** No country would claim homeless man with mental illness, says U.S. Immigration

A homeless foreigner shot to death by Los Angeles police was in the country illegally after serving time for a bank robbery but couldn't be deported because no country would take him, U.S. immigration authorities said Wednesday.

France issued travel documents for a man identified as Charley Saturmin Robinet but rescinded them in June 2013 after determining it was an assumed name and the man was really from Cameroon, said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) spokeswoman Virginia Kice in a statement.

ICE, which had issued a deportation order in April 2013, said Cameroon consular officials failed to respond to repeated requests for travel

documents. Cameroon officials could not immediately be reached to comment.

The man, known as "Africa" in the rundown Los Angeles area of Skid Row, was shot to death Sunday. The confrontation that led to his death was recorded on a bystander's cellphone and viewed millions of times online. Authorities said the man tried to grab a rookie police officer's gun, prompting three other officers to shoot him.

Like many people on Skid Row, the man suffered from mental illness and his background was murky. He told U.S. authorities he was from Cameroon and gave a different name — Keunang — after France rejected him, according to two U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The man was in immigration custody in September 2013 when a federal judge in California ordered him to a halfway house. The man had no place to stay and no permanent address.

This February 2000 photo shows a man, mistakenly identified by the assumed name of Charley Saturmin Robinet, who was killed by L.A. police on Sunday.

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He had served roughly 13 years in prison and spent six months in the halfway house before he was released in May 2014, said Ed Ross, a spokes-

man for the Bureau of Prisons.

Kice said the man regularly reported to immigration officials as required by terms of his release. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Ferguson. Report blasts police for discrimination

The Justice Department cleared on Wednesday a white former Ferguson, Mo., police officer in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old — but also issued a scathing report calling for sweeping changes in city law-enforcement practices it called discriminatory and unconstitutional.

It found that the shooting occurred in an environment of systematic mistreatment of blacks, in which officials swapped racist emails and jokes without punishment and black residents were disproportionately stopped, searched, fined

for petty offences and subjected to excessive force.

Officials announced 26 recommendations, including training officers in how to de-escalate confrontations and banning the use of ticketing and arrest quotas.

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### Changes

Ferguson no longer issues failure-to-appear warrants and has rescinded warrants for nearly 600 defendants.

### Gay-marriage decision

## Mobile, Ala., stops issuing marriage licences of all kinds

The probate office in one of Alabama's biggest counties said Wednesday it will quit issuing marriage licences to anyone, after the Alabama Supreme Court ruled the state's

ban on same-sex marriage is legal despite a federal court's decision to the contrary.

The all-Republican Supreme Court ordered Alabama's 68 probate judges Tuesday to stop issuing marriage licences to gay couples. The probate court in Mobile said Wednesday it would quit issuing marriage licences to anyone while reviewing the decision. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## McDonald's. Antibiotic and hormone-free fare on menu

McDonald's says it plans to start using chicken raised without antibiotics commonly used in humans, and milk from cows that are not treated with an artificial growth hormone.

The company says the chicken change will take place within the next two years. It says suppliers will still be able to use a type of antibiotic called ionophores that keep chickens healthy and aren't used in humans. The milk change will take place later this year.

Chipotle and Panera already say they serve chicken raised without antibiotics, but the announcement by

### Image

McDonald's Corp. is struggling to transform its image amid intensifying competition from smaller rivals positioning themselves as more wholesome alternatives. It saw customer visits to U.S. stores decline two years in a row.

McDonald's is notable because of its size; the company has more than 14,000 U.S. locations. Chipotle has nearly 1,800 locations, while Panera has almost 1,900 locations.

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### Market Minute



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## Airbnb sees enough room, hotels don't

**Sharing economy.** Airbnb has run into stiff opposition in some jurisdictions, including New York

Chip Conley believes Airbnb, a fast-growing company that links homeowners with travellers seeking accommodation, is not in direct competition with traditional hotels.

"There is room for both of them," said Conley, who is head of global hospitality and strategy for Airbnb, during a visit to Toronto on Wednesday.

Conley, 54, who joined Airbnb in 2013, says he understands both Airbnb and the hotel business. He was the founder of the Joie de Vivre boutique hotel chain and still owns 18 hotels in California and New York.

"The message that I've been saying to the hotel industry is that 'this is not an



Chip Conley, Airbnb's global head of hospitality and strategy, inside one of the homes in Toronto that is listed on the residence-sharing site.

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

either-or," Conley said. "I think we can coexist."

But Terry Mundell, president and CEO of the Greater Toronto Hotel Association, disputes such a suggestion.

"The issue is not about either-or," he said. "This is an issue about paying and remitting commercial taxes the same as any other commercial enterprise."

A City of Toronto official says he has not received any complaints about Airbnb.

Conley insisted Airbnb is not evading taxes, noting Airbnb is paying occupancy or hotel taxes where required, including in cities such as Amsterdam, San Francisco and Chicago.

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## VOICES

# BIGGER IS BETTER, BUT SMALLER IS CHEAPER

Micro condos are being hyped as the next great thing in urban living. But since when did living in a shoebox become the property-owning dream?



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In the comedy *Wanderlust*, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston get sweet-talked into buying a, ahem, micro-loft in Manhattan. At the time (the halcyon days of 2012), I laughed and laughed. Oh, New Yorkers living in their tiny boxes in the sky.

I'm not laughing now. Flash forward to early 2015, and micro condos have become one of the only serious options for some city-dwelling Canadians, like myself. With the average price of detached homes in both Vancouver and Toronto soaring past the \$1-million mark, the dream of home ownership is now out of many average people's grasp.

Micro condos, realtor-speak for a condo unit that runs between 225 and 400 square feet, suddenly seem appealing. The spaces tend to attract investors looking to rent them out, rich people looking for a pied-à-terre and not-so-rich people looking to finally get on the property ladder.

A few years ago I would have said I would never buy a micro condo. Now I say, "Never say never." The Manhattanization of the city I call home means even the average price of a condo apartment in the 416 was an eye-watering \$369,655 last month, according to the Toronto Real Estate Board.



Murphy beds used to be almost synonymous with dingy flats. But thanks to the marketing of micro condos, space-saving features are being touted as the hip new way to do city living. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

You can buy in for less if you're willing to downsize dramatically. Out in the Vancouver suburb of Surrey, a developer recently garnered media attention by reportedly offering units starting at \$93,900. The catch? The suites started at 316 square feet. Another project in the heart of Toronto got my attention with its clever features, like a dish-

washer in a drawer, to maximize space. The location is great, and news reports say prices start at \$249,999 for 300 square feet.

Despite the smaller price tag, I do have some reservations.

In the ads for these minuscule units, condo living looks so hip and fun. But in reality the big banks are said to be wary of giving mortgages

for this unproven new trend. And the old rental apartment I currently share with my common-law partner is more than double the size of a micro condo. I worry we'd find living in a unit with a Murphy bed would seriously test our patience with each other.

So I, along with many other Millennials looking to buy their first place, am patiently waiting for the

### Micro condos at a glance

- For many young, hip urbanites, the appeal of micro condos is that they are highly polished, modern spaces that come with innovative and trendy space-saving amenities.
- The concept of micro condos may be new to Canada, but in densely populated cities such as Paris, Tokyo and Hong Kong, they have been a way of life for generations.
- There are nearly 3,000 micro condo units under construction in Toronto that are slated to be completed this year.
- In Vancouver, city bylaws dictate that condo units can be no smaller than 398 square feet, but one development is proposing "nanosuites" that would measure 200 square feet.

real-estate bubble to finally burst. If that doesn't happen soon, perhaps I'll end up like those New Yorkers I used to mock smugly and buy my very own tiny box in the sky.

*Melissa Dunne is a freelance writer based in Toronto.*

## Metro asked those in the know: What's your take on micro condos?

### Realtor



The banks are not lending on these units, so right now we can't really tell if they are going to take off or not. Micros offer living space in the very good locations.... I've seen the average size of a condo come down significantly in the last 20 years, and I think this will become a trend that lasts. Once the banks gain confidence in micro condos, first-time buyers will see them as viable options. Don't forget, the banks were skeptical about lending on condos when they first made an appearance 50 years ago, and look at them now!

*Sandra Rinomato, broker/owner of Sandra Rinomato Realty, a brokerage in Toronto*

### Planner



The uptake of micro condos will be successful only in exceptionally strong markets — Vancouver, Toronto, San Francisco, Boston, N.Y.C., London. From a planner's perspective, if designed thoughtfully and close to local social life and shops, these are an affordable, funky option for 20-something singles and couples. Not so for most households with kids. Over time, the real-estate market will decide whether these will hold their value.

*Linda Allen, community planner and managing partner at CitySpaces in Vancouver*

### Micro condo dweller



Absolutely I'd buy a micro condo. It works for my lifestyle right now. In many cases there will be many people transitioning to this lifestyle.... I don't have a car.... There are four coffee shops right outside my door that aren't Starbucks. Your neighbourhood becomes your living room.... Canada as a country will become more urbanized and we'll have to accommodate that. People will be living smaller. I think there definitely is a future in micro condos.

*Samuel Baron has been renting a 248-square-foot micro suite in Vancouver for just over two years.*

### Researcher



Small units play a big role in today's condo market. For buyers and renters, they provide an option to save on costs. For investors, they offer above-average yields. For developers, they allow projects to easier achieve pre-construction sales, facilitating new development. Micro units certainly will be needed in the future to accommodate growth (in Toronto) and maintain affordability, but the next couple years may see a case of too much, too soon. Thousands of units under 500 square feet will be completed, while population growth for younger adults is starting slow. Adding to this is their difficulty in arranging mortgage financing.

*Shaun Hildebrand, senior vice-president at condo research firm Urbanation*

### Investment specialist



I doubt it's a passing fad. It's simply what people can afford. There is a huge market for tiny condos because many people cannot afford larger. This is Toronto's weird form of "affordable" housing. It's not likely to get any better. But it does have the effect of high turnover of those units because as people's household size increases (marriage, babies, etc.), they have a hard time staying there.

*John Andrew, director of Queen's University's Executive Seminars on Corporate and Investment Real Estate in Kingston, Ont.*



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Author of the Divergent trilogy, Veronica Roth, is writing a new book in "the vein of Star Wars." GETTY IMAGES

# More from Roth on the way

**Books.** The author of the hugely successful Divergent trilogy is working on new series

Veronica Roth fans can start the countdown.

The Divergent author is set to write a new two-book series, HarperCollins Children's Books told The Associated Press. Currently, the books are untitled, with the first one expected in 2017 and the next in 2018.

Roth and her publisher offered few specifics, beyond saying the series is in the vein of Star Wars and will tell of a boy's "unlikely alliance" with an enemy.

"Both desperate to escape their oppressive lives, they help

each other attain what they most desire: for one, redemption, and the other, revenge," the publisher announced.

In a recent email to the AP, Roth wrote that the idea "started with a character. All the other elements — setting, world, even a substantial portion of the plot — came after." She added that while she had a "pretty detailed" outline for the new series, she was still in the early stages of writing.

"That's why I'm being so vague," she explained.

Divergent, along with Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games and John Green's books helped perpetuate the strong growth of young adult novels.

When it was released last year, the first Divergent movie, quickly earned more than \$100 million at the box office.

Three more movies are planned, starting with the March 20 release of Insurgent.

A Chicago resident, the 26-year-old Roth was still in college when she began Divergent, writing it in her pyjamas while on winter break from Northwestern University. She is now one of the world's most popular authors.

"I think I'd have to be a robot not to occasionally worry about expectations!" she wrote to the AP. "But mostly I try to trust my instincts. It helps that I'm really in love with this project — that makes it a joy to work on."

"I've been really taking my time with it," she said of the new series. "I've written huge sections a certain way only to cut them and start again. I've stepped away for a while, to work on other things, and then

## Divergent



- **The book.** Divergent, a Dystopian trilogy, was completed in 2013 and sold more than 30-million copies.

- **The movie.** The first Divergent film, starring Shailene Woodley, came out a year ago.

come back when I have better perspective. I've been more patient with myself and with the story. I've expanded my collec-

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# The show that (almost) started with a bang

**TV.** Actors' near-collision pre-shooting reflects future clash of characters in Creek

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Josh Duhamel and Dean Winters had never met before starting work on the new police dramedy Battle Creek.

"I was actually driving onto the lot in Manhattan Beach for a fitting," says Winters, the actor known for his roles on Oz, 30 Rock and the Allstate Insurance commer-

## Under the radar

**"They get a lot of crime you wouldn't expect in what seems to be a very all-American town."**

Josh Duhamel  
On Battle Creek, Michigan

cials, "and I wasn't looking where I was going and literally, true story, almost ran Josh over. That was our first encounter."

Their jarring introduction could have been useful as they created their characters: a Battle Creek, Mich. cop and an FBI agent who butt heads on police procedure and



Dean Winters and Josh Duhamel star in Battle Creek, which airs Sundays on Global. CBS HANDOUT

everything else. But they decided not to be too method in their approach to the work.

"To me, that is a sign of insecurity in people who don't know what they are doing," says Winters.

Instead the pair did on-

the-job research to get under the skin of their characters.

Duhamel spent time with Battle Creek cops, doing ride-alongs with their undercover officers, drug enforcement team and gang unit. "There is some real stuff happening in

that town," he says. "Nobody would ever suspect, because it sits right in between Detroit and Chicago, but they get a lot of riff-raff fleeing either city and hiding out there. They get a lot of crime you wouldn't expect in what seems to be a very all-American town."

Winters says "the best part of the ride-alongs is actually listening to the cops talk. They have their own language, their own rhythms in the way they talk to one each other. It's really fascinating. I don't think anyone has ever really captured it, to be honest with you."

"It truly is a whole different world. I really do think the relationship Josh and I have is pretty close, especially when we're driving down the street in the Suburban. A lot of those conversations are priceless. I think (Canadian series creator-writer) David Shore has a real ear for that."

On screen, the pair investigate a series of wild cases.

"The crimes we are investigating on the show you won't see anywhere else," says Duhamel.

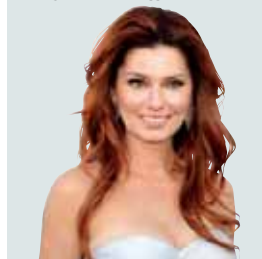
## Concert

### Shania Twain to embark on first tour in 11 years

Country star Shania Twain has announced a 48-date North American tour, her first such trek in 11 years. The 49-year-old will begin June 5 in Seattle before embarking upon a slew of Canadian dates, beginning with two shows in Vancouver on June 7 and 9. After that, Twain will wind through Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, London, Ont., Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa before wrapping in Montreal June 28.

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Karrueche Tran dumped Chris Brown on Twitter after finding out he has a nine-month-old daughter. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## Brown's baby drama too much for girlfriend

Surprise! Embattled singer Chris Brown is a dad. TMZ reports that Brown is the father to a nine-month-old girl with a former model identified only as Nia. There's no sign of legal trouble between the parents, and sources say they're on good terms and not romantically linked. Since it doesn't involve an ambulance dispatch or a court filing, I'm honestly scratching my head as to how TMZ found out about this.

While Brown is said to be "happy about being a father," the same can't be said for his on-again, off-again girlfriend, Karrueche Tran, who took to Twitter to officially dump him following the

### The business of baby names

Maybe for his next child, Chris Brown might want to consider the services of a company that helps parents come up with unique monikers, à la Blue Ivy and North West.

- A Swiss company called Erfolgswelle vows to create a brand-new first name — for US\$31,000.
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Hauser said the process works similar to trademark naming with around 100 hours devoted to its creation and research.

- "I think it's very difficult to create a really fitting name, a name that fits to your family's background, to your cultural background," Hauser said.

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news. "Listen. One can only take so much. The best of luck to Chris and his

family," she wrote. "No baby drama for me." Good thinking.

## Rogen's pot proclivities push Pascal's patience

Amy Pascal must seriously be losing patience with Seth Rogen at this point. After that whole business with The Interview and the hacking and her losing her job and all, he's now inadvertently making it impossible for Pascal to move into her new office on the Sony lot.

According to the



Hollywood Reporter, Pascal is set to make a home for her new Sony-financed production company in the offices previously occupied by Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg, only the lingering stench of marijuana is so strong, it has seeped into the flooring and is prompting a full paint job. Seriously, Seth, you've never heard of a vaporizer?

## Hilton pleads guilty to assault

Some trouble you can't just buy your way out of. Conrad Hilton — 21-year-old hotel-chain heir and younger brother of Paris — has agreed to plead guilty to an assault charge from his infamous tirade during a flight from London to L.A. last year, and he could be looking at up to six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Hilton's attorney, Robert Shapiro, said previously that Hilton's behaviour may have been "the effects of a sleeping pill" or some similar circumstance. According to an



Conrad Hilton and Kathy Hilton in 2008 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FBI affidavit, Hilton acknowledged calling other passengers "peasants" and said he would have killed one flight attendant if another passenger had not calmed him during the 10-hour flight July 31.

Hilton ignored instructions to keep his seatbelt on and paced in the aisle as the aircraft took off. When told to sit, he launched into a series of tirades that had some children in tears. He threatened to kill several flight attendants and a co-pilot and get them fired, the affidavit said. "I could get you all fired in five minutes," Hilton said in one of the quotes that didn't include an expletive.

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# A Bowie boom in fashion

**Style.** The runways are awash with references to the flamboyant glam-rock inspired fashions of the 1970s

Designers in Paris, London, New York and Milan have been sampling some of David Bowie's most iconic genderless looks of late: from jumpsuits to Lurex, fantastically wide lapels, snazzy sequins, and mohawks.

Saint Laurent head designer Hedi Slimane, a long-standing Bowie fan, launched the trend seasons ago, and then last year Raf Simons kickstarted the Bowie revival when he unveiled his Spring 2015 Haute Couture collection for Christian Dior.



The Dior runway was replete with all-over sequined onesies fit for



Gucci models channelled an androgynous, '70s pretty-boy look while sequined onesies were seen at Christian Dior. GETTY IMAGES AND AFP



## Lyrics

**"A small Jean Genie snuck off to the city. Strung out on lasers and slash-back blazers."**

The Jean Genie as written by David Bowie

Ziggy Stardust and outfits in psychedelic prints that would be at home on any of Bowie's arty album sleeves.

At the Vivienne Westwood catwalk in London last month, models sported bright Bowie-style furry mohawks, while face paint was a key beauty look at both Westwood's show and that of British designer Gareth Pugh.

At Milan Fashion Week, Alessandro Michele channelled the androgynous '70s pretty-boy look as he sent male and female models down the catwalk for his debut F/W 15-16 collection for Gucci.

Selfridges of London is launching its in-store Agender project this month (launching online on March 12), which will feature unisex clothing, a gender-less window display, and art pieces that examine the concept of gender-neutral fashion.

This week, as the fourth and final leg of ready-to-wear week arrives in Paris, followers of the star's exuberant style (and those fortunate enough to be in France) have been able to enjoy a Bowie fashion fest off the catwalk at the David Bowie Is exhibition at the cool new Philharmonie de Paris music complex. AFP



Bowie-style mohawks and face paint were key runway beauty looks at recent fashion shows in London. IAN GAVAN/GETTY IMAGES

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# Make your small space look bigger

Feeling cramped in your small space and need to redecorate? Here are five small-space decorating tricks you can use to make your place seem larger



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## 1. Keep colours and tones similar

Decorating with all light, all medium or all dark tones creates a visual flow that allows the eye to roam, giving the sense of a larger space. Keeping every decorating element similar will make your space feel much larger. Note: this is the trick designers use to make those tiny model suites feel larger.



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## 2. Go vertical

Drapery panels, stacking art vertically on the walls, floor lamps, an étagère and even tall plants help to draw the eye upwards which is as important as guiding the eye around a room. Vittsjo Metal and Glass Étagère, \$50, Ikea.com



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## 3. Add some sheen

Reflective surfaces like shiny countertops, stainless steel appliances, glass coffee tables and glossy paint will reflect light around the room. Dana Acrylic Writing Desk, \$2,000, Horchow.com



## 4. Allow one focal point per room

Best areas to zero in on: head of bed, bathroom mirror, television or console table in foyer. Have a boring living room? Try adding a double-duty fireplace/television stand as an attractive and useful focal point. Muskoka Durant Electric Media Mantel, \$930, Lowes.ca



## 5. Furnishings should do double-duty

Any investment furniture piece should provide at least two services, like a console table that acts as a desk, an ottoman with storage space, or a comfy dining chair that can be used as additional seating. A bed with built-in drawers helps to eliminate the need for a dresser. Universal's Spencer Storage Bed, \$2,200, TheBay.com





# French techniques with a Mexican soul

**Dinner.** Braised Lamb Shanks with Poblano Peppers and Pinto Beans combines two cultures

## Cookbook of the Week

### More to Quebec than Poutine



The culinary treasure that is Quebec isn't as celebrated as it should be, and Julian Armstrong is out to change that with her book *Made in Quebec*. Armstrong, a long-time food writer, has spent her career documenting the Quebecois food scene. The book is the result of those years and features stories of restaurateurs, farmers, artisanal cheese and bread makers, home cooks and more. Among recipes included are Spiced Pork Spread, Roasted Vegetable Quiche, Roast Beef with Gravy and Chocolate Cranberry Cookies. **METRO**

"Quebec French cuisine 'with a Latin accent' is the specialty of Montreal chef David Ferguson, Ontario-raised and a graduate of the Stratford Chefs School," writes Julian Armstrong in *Made in Quebec*.

"Faithful to French culinary techniques at his midtown bistro, Restaurant Gus, David also adds flavours learned on his cooking sojourns in Mexico and New Mexico."

1. Preheat the oven to 300 F (150 C).

2. Finely chop 1 of the onions. In a 4-quart (4 L) heavy, stove-top safe casserole dish with a lid, heat 2 tablespoons (30 ml)

#### Ingredients

- 2 large onions
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 4 lamb shanks
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 leek, white part only, chopped
- 5 1/2 cups (1.375 l) cold water
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped fresh thyme or rosemary
- 1/2 ancho pepper, rehydrated
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) beans, preferably pinto or red kidney, drained and rinsed
- 4 Roma tomatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped, or 2 cups (500 ml) canned Italian tomatoes
- 1 poblano pepper, grilled, peeled, seeded, and cut in strips

of the oil over medium-high heat and brown lamb on all sides. Remove to a plate. Reduce heat to medium and, in the same casserole dish, sauté carrot, chopped onion, garlic, and leek just until golden, about 5 minutes.

3. Add 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the cold water to the pan and scrape up any brown bits. Return lamb to the casserole dish and add 5 cups (1.25 l) cold water or enough to cover. Add thyme and ancho pepper. Bring mixture to a boil, then cover, transfer to the oven and roast for 1 hour and 45 minutes, until lamb is tender.

4. Remove lamb to a plate. Season the cooking liquid with salt and pepper. Discard ancho pepper. Simmer cooking liquid until it is reduced to about 3 cups (750 ml).

5. Meanwhile, cut remaining onion in half vertically, then slice finely. In a heavy frying pan, heat remaining 1 tablespoon (15 ml) oil over medium-high heat and cook onion until caramelized.

6. Return lamb to casserole dish. Add beans, tomatoes, caramelized onion, and poblano pepper. Reheat mixture and serve on deep, warmed serving plates.

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# Not-so-fun facts about the common cold

**Achoo!** Did you know there are more than 100 viruses that cause the pesky sickness?

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For Metro

Do you feel like that annoying cold just keeps coming back? It's more likely that you are just getting new ones. According to the Mayo Clinic, there are more than 100 viruses that cause the common cold — and any combination of the accompanying runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, sore throat and congestion.

That's just one not-so-fun fact about the common cold and flu. Read on for more.

## The most common

And the winner is — the rhinovirus! It's the most common strain of cold people catch. It's to blame for your nose running like a tap. And given how versatile this virus is, you can eas-

ily catch one after another.

## So much for the man cold

Guys may gripe more about their nagging coughs and congestion, but, on average, women get more colds than men. It is thought that this is because women tend to have more contact with children — who are total virus magnets — than men do.

## Talk about staying power

Flu viruses can linger for up to two days on non-porous, hard surfaces and a full 12 hours on soft ones. At human body temperature, flu viruses can stay infectious for about a week. At the freezing point, they can stay infectious for more than 30 days and, below freezing, they can last indefinitely.

## Your sneeze is loaded

Sneezing into a tissue or your elbow is more than just good manners — it's a major preventative action. A sneeze leaves your body at about 90 miles per hour, bringing with it virus-laden droplets that can reach people within 30



Share statistics instead of the virus. A sneeze projects virus-laden droplets within a 30-foot radius, so sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. SHUTTERSTOCK

feet of you. And, yes, sneezing on someone is a very effective way of giving them your cold.

## It's in the stars

Why do we call that annual scourge "influenza?" It comes

from the Italian word influenza. Back in the day, it seems people blamed the influence

of the moon, stars and planets for the flu's nasty and widespread influence.



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# Unhappy returns in trading away Petry



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Oilers GM Craig MacTavish didn't do much at the NHL trade deadline, which was pretty much forecasted by the man himself in the lead-up to hockey's most over-hyped day. He did come through on his prediction that defenceman Jeff Petry would be found a new home, but now the lingering question is whether or not MacTavish got enough in the deal with Montreal.

The consensus is that Edmonton got rooked by Habs GM Marc Bergevin and I would agree. One mitigating factor in the trade was that Petry is eligible for unrestricted free agency in the summer, so the Canadiens may have just "rented" him for the duration of the season — but that was the case with multiple players dealt before the deadline. The problem is in the return: a second-round draft choice in 2015 and a fifth-round pick the same year, which can become as high as a third-rounder if Montreal wins at least two playoff series this season.

St. Louis acquired defenceman Zbynek Michalek at the deadline from Arizona and the price was prospect Maxim Letunov, a college-bound Russian who has been playing junior hockey in the United States Hockey League and has the potential to be a fantastic pro once he adds some meat to his



Former Oilers defenceman Jeff Petry debuted for the Canadiens on Monday night in a game against the Sharks in San Jose. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

frame. Meanwhile, Tampa Bay had to give up young blue-liner Radko Gudas and two high draft selections in order to obtain the services of fellow rearguard Braydon Coburn from Philadelphia. Softening the blow was the fact the Lightning acquired two second-round picks from Boston in exchange for right-winger Brett Connolly, who has yet to show the promise of a player who was taken sixth overall in 2010.

So just to recap, the best-case scenario for Edmonton

## By the numbers

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In 59 games this season with the Oilers, Jeff Petry recorded 15 points and was a minus-25.

involves getting a slightly worse return for an established top-four defenceman than Tampa Bay got for a young winger who hasn't panned out yet.

Let that sink in.

Of course, if you're a rabid Oilers fan, you probably have already. So I'll just tell you that you're right to seethe, because the return could have been better. Maybe MacTavish pulls the trigger sooner (not like the Oilers are going anywhere in the standings) or simply asks for more at the time, but there is certainly a sense of a missed opportunity here. The Oilers need all the help they can get in rebuilding and they just let a great asset go for less than market value.

## NFL

### Peyton not ready to leave: Source

Hold that gold watch. Peyton Manning is taking one more shot at the silver trophy.

Weeks of speculation about the five-time MVP's future ended Wednesday with word that he's returning for an 18th season in the NFL and fourth in Denver.

A person with knowledge of the situation says Manning will take a \$4-million pay cut, from \$19 million to \$15 million US, but that he can make it all back through performance incentives. The person spoke anonymously because there was no official announcement of the deal.

Manning, who is still scheduled to make \$19 million in 2016 in the final season of the five-year contract he signed in 2012, will take his physical and sign his revised contract Thursday.

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## World Cup of Hockey

### Sportsnet and TVA to broadcast tourney in Canada

Sportsnet and TVA are staying with the NHL to broadcast the 2016 World Cup of Hockey in Canada.

The NHL and NHL Players' Association on Wednesday announced that league partners Sportsnet and TVA were awarded Canadian media rights to the upcoming tournament, again beating out TSN and RDS. The 2016 World Cup of Hockey, a joint venture of the NHL and NHLPA, will take place Sept. 17 to Oct. 16 at Toronto's Air Canada Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Today's full moon suggests you won't be thinking straight, especially about matters related to your work and wellbeing. Don't take doubts too seriously.

#### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

Chances are you will totally and utterly disagree with the advice you are given today. Maybe it is a load of nonsense — but what if it isn't?

#### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

The planets warn you are expecting too much of yourself and must adjust your ambitions to a more practical level. Don't get uptight if a friend tells you something you don't want to hear.

#### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

Don't waste precious time and energy on petty arguments today because you should be channeling everything you have got in productive directions.

#### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Today's full moon suggests you may have to cut back financially, most likely because you have bitten off more than you can chew.

#### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Stick with the facts today. The planets warn if you embellish the truth in any way, you will be found out.

#### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Try not to provoke any arguments or showdowns today, because while the moon is full you are unlikely to be on the winning side.

#### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Something you have always taken for granted will be held up to the light of the full moon and shown to be less substantial than you imagined.

#### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Listen to what others have to tell you today but don't think you are obliged to do what they suggest. You are advised to hold off making a major move while the moon is full.

#### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

You will find it hard to make up your mind as to what it is you should be doing today. The planets indicate there is no need to rush.

#### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

You may have some amazing ideas running through your head at the moment but don't be too eager to do anything with them.

#### ♓ Pisces

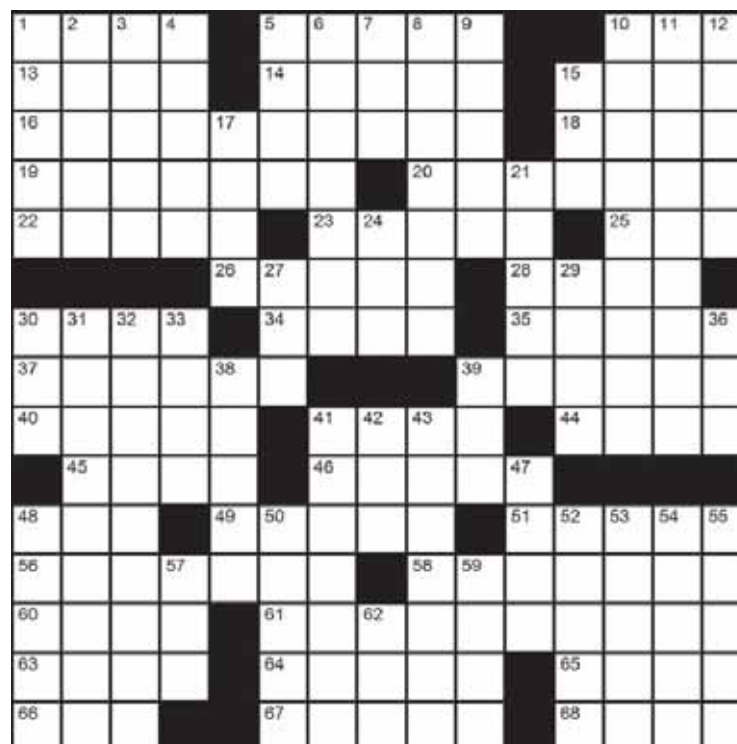
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

You have big plans, but have you thought them through properly? Today's full moon in your opposite sign suggests you may have missed something of importance.

### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Across

1. Spell-starting sound
5. Culinary figures
10. 'The Minister of Everything': Politician/businessman Mr. Howe, et al. (b.1886 - d.1960)
13. It's what's 'proper' in grammar class
14. "\_\_\_ en Rose" by Edith Piaf
15. Go to buy things
16. Kinross = Canadian \_\_\_ company
18. Enamored
19. Sporting taboo, \_\_\_ use
20. Pointer Sisters hit: "\_\_\_ Dance"
22. Flung
23. Custom-\_\_\_ homes
25. Brunch offering
26. Actor, \_\_\_ William Scott
28. Footnote abbr.
30. Secretary's 'swift', shortly
34. Excited
35. More slack
37. Height measurement units
39. Non-laced running shoes fastener
40. Erin of "Happy Days"
41. "My Friend \_\_\_" ('50s sitcom)
44. Upcoming annual film/music/interactive festival in Austin, Texas
45. Exhausted



46. Mike of "Shrek the Third" (2007)
48. Egyptian cobra
49. Hiked, as prices
51. Jeweller's measurement, variantly
56. Even less sincere
58. Mimic
60. Prince Charles' sport

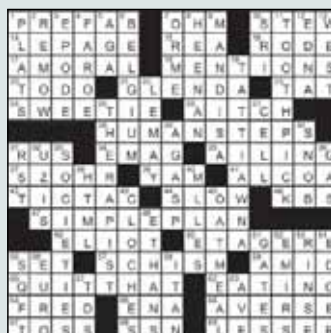
61. Newfoundland body of water, \_\_\_ Bay
63. Petals-not-pearls pieces
64. Tweety-like
65. Fails to be
66. Winding shape
67. Toronto-headquartered fashion company, \_\_\_ Bella

- (See #6-Down for more!)
68. Spelled-out marks
- Down**
1. Uneasy feeling
2. County fair stall
3. Pencil case item
4. Canadian defence man Mr. Benoit on the Buffalo Sabres

5. Old Rome's 152
6. Vegan \_\_\_ (Main product by #67-Across)
7. Midianite royal
8. Caterpillar equipment dealer/support company based in Edmonton, \_\_\_ (Canada)

9. Jason of "How I Met Your Mother"
10. "Boom Clap" songstress: 2 wds.
11. Meaning-well folks
12. Big name in shapewear
15. Army gig, briefly
17. Cuts the blades
21. Handy
24. 108-card game
27. '\_\_\_' in Embrun
29. Dances for Cinderella, in Paris
30. Toothpaste brand
31. Trekking-in-white-fluff gear
32. The Parthenon is located on the what in Athens?
33. Racehorse flick, "\_\_\_ Lap" (1983)
36. Theatre ticket detail
38. Tedium
39. Alternate spelling, for short
41. Make better
42. Cereal grass
43. Thorough patient examination
47. Jump rope
48. Fruit selection
50. Butter \_\_\_ (Flavour for ice cream)
52. House's accessed-by-ladder spot
53. Heighten
54. Make amends
55. Rustic shelters
57. Headshakes
59. Ms. Suvari
62. Nada

### Yesterday's Crossword



### Online

See today's answers at  
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### Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

#### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

### Yesterday's Sudoku



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